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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED

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1. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND TUNISIAN UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE EC'S "GLOBAL" MEDITERRANEAN POLICY WERE CONCLUDED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JANUARY 7. OF THE REMAINING MAGHREB COUNTRIES, MOROCCO WILL MEET WITH THE EC SIDE ON JANUARY 8, AND ALGERIA IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

2. COMMISSION AND PERMDEL CONTACTS ARE QUITE OPTIMISTIC THAT THE EC/MOROCCAN AGREEMENT CAN ALSO BE CONCLUDED QUICKLY IN THE WAKE OF THE TUNISIAN ACCORD, AND SOME ARE EVEN HOPEFUL THAT PREVIOUSLY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES SEPARATING THE EC AND ALGERIA CAN BE OVERCOME.

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3. ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE EC/TUNISIAN AGREEMENT, WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED A COPY OF THE TEXT ASAP (2-3 DAYS) AND WILL PROVIDE A FULLER REPORT AT THAT TIME. THE MAIN OUTSTANDING ISSUES DURING THIS LAST STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE WINE AND OLIVE OIL (SEE EC BRUSSELS 10111 AND EC BRUSSELS 3031 FOR BACKGROUND ON PREVIOUSLY-SETTLED ISSUES).

4. THE TEXT OF THE EC/TUNISIA AGREEMENT IS NOW BEING POLISHED UP AND FORMAL INITIALING WILL TAKE PLACE SHORTLY. THE COMMISSION'S CONCURRENCE IS ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER' COUNCIL ON JANUARY 19-20 WILL APPROVE THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.
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